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FUGITIVE SURRENDERS



In this undated file photo, alleged drug gang leader Christopher "Dudus" Coke is shown. Coke, who eluded a bloody police offensive in his slum stronghold last month, surrendered to authorities outside Jamaica's capital Tuesday, local news media reported.

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SPORTS NEWS

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A South Africa fan reacts at the end of the World Cup group A soccer match between France and South Africa at Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein, South Africa, Tuesday, June 22, 2010. South Africa beat France but failed to qualify for the next round of the tournament.

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In a Tuesday, June 8, 2010 photo, a deepwater drilling rig operates near the site of the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. A federal judge struck down the Obama administration's six-month ban on deepwater oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, saying the government rashly concluded that because one rig failed, the others are in immediate danger, too. The White House promised an immediate appeal.

Associated Press

Judge lifts Gulf's offshore drilling ban as 'overbearing'

MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal judge struck down the Obama administration's six-month ban on deepwater oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico as rash and heavy-handed Tuesday, saying the government simply assumed that because one rig exploded, the others pose an imminent danger, too.

The White House promised an immediate appeal. The Interior Department had imposed the moratorium last month in the wake of the BP disaster, halting approval of any new permits for deepwater projects and suspending drilling on 33 exploratory wells.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said President Barack Obama believes that until investigations can determine why the spill happened, continued deepwater drilling exposes workers and the environment to "a danger that

the president does not believe we can afford." Several companies that ferry people and supplies and provide other services to offshore rigs argued that the moratorium was arbitrarily imposed after the April 20 explosion that killed 11 workers and blew out a well 5,000 feet (1,525 meters) underwater. It has spewed anywhere from (253 million liters) to 127 million gallons (480 million liters) of oil into the Gulf.

U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman, who was appointed by President Ronald Reagan and has owned stock in a number of petroleum-related companies, sided with the plaintiffs.

"If some drilling equipment parts are flawed, is it rational to say all are?" he asked. "Are all airplanes a danger because one was? All oil tankers like Exxon Valdez? All trains? All mines? That sort of thinking seems heavy-handed, and rather overbearing."

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In this May 10, 2010 file photo, Commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan Gen. Stanley McChrystal, and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl W. Eikenberry brief reporters ahead of Afghan President Hamid Karzai's visit at the White House.

Associated Press

U.S. general in Afghan war at risk of losing job

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Associated Press Writers
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama rebuked his Afghanistan war commander for "poor judgment" Tuesday and considered whether to fire him in the most extraordinary airing of military-civilian tensions since Harry Truman stripped Gen. Douglas MacArthur of his command a half-century ago.

The White House summoned Gen. Stanley McChrystal to Washington to explain disparaging comments about his commander in chief and Obama's top aides. The meeting set for Wednesday was a last-ditch moment for the general once considered the war's brightest hope.

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In this photo taken May 7, 2010, Budget Director Peter Orszag stands by as President Barack Obama makes a statement on monthly jobs numbers outside the Oval Office at the White House in Washington. A Democratic official tells The Associated Press that President Barack Obama's top budget official, Peter Orszag, plans to step down later this year.

Associated Press

Orszag says he's leaving as budget head in July

By BEN FELLER,
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WASHINGTON – White House Budget Director Peter Orszag says he's stepping down next month, positioning him to be the first high-profile member of President Barack Obama's team to depart the administration.

Orszag confirmed his planned resignation in a brief interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday. He said he views passage of last year's economic recovery act as his most significant accomplishment.

White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Tuesday that "a number of very talented candidates" were being considered to replace Orszag.

"Peter has served alongside and within a valuable economic team that has faced the greatest economic crisis any president has faced since the great depression. It is an enormous task," Gibbs said.

As director of the Office of Management and Budget, Orszag holds Cabinet-level rank and a pivotal role in shaping and defending how the administration spends the public's money. He quickly emerged from a bureaucratic post to become a camera friendly face of Obama's government, often in front on plans to confront the deficit and to spur the economy.

Speculation has for weeks held that Orszag would

leave this year after a grueling, nonstop sprint as the head of the budget agency and a key adviser to Obama. During his tenure, Congress has passed the most expensive economic stimulus program in U.S. history and a massive health care reform law. Orszag has overseen Obama's first two budgets, too. Gibbs said Orszag decided to leave before work began on a third.

The move comes as Obama continues to face the steep economic challenges of reining in the deficit and rallying support for more stimulative spending. The economic recovery is plodding along but unemployment remains near 10 percent.

Orszag, 41, came to Obama's government from the position of director of the Congressional Budget Office, the agency charged with providing nonpartisan analyses of economic issues to lawmakers. He served during Bill Clinton's administration as an assistant to the president for economic policy and a senior adviser at the National Economic Council.

Orszag's private life has occasionally popped up in gossip columns. In late December his fiancée, ABC News reporter Bianna Golodryga, announced their engagement on "Good Morning America."

Less than two weeks later, Orszag and his former girlfriend, Claire Milonas of New York, confirmed a New York Post report that they had had a baby daughter the previous November after their breakup. □



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He also warned that the shutdown would have an "immeasurable effect" on the industry, the local economy and the U.S. energy supply.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said in a statement late Tuesday that within the next few days he will issue a new order imposing a moratorium that eliminates any doubt it is needed and appropriate.

Feldman's ruling was welcomed by the oil and gas industry and decried by environmentalists.

Feldman's financial disclosure report for 2008, the most recent available, shows holdings in at least eight petroleum companies or funds that invest in them, including Transocean Ltd., which owned the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig that blew up. The report shows that most of his holdings were valued at less than \$15,000; it did not provide specific amounts.

It was not clear whether Feldman still has any of the energy industry stocks. Recent court filings indicate he may no longer have Transocean stock. The 2008 report showed that he did not own any individual shares in big companies such as BP, which leased the rig that exploded, or ExxonMobil.

Feldman did not immediately respond to a request for more information about his current holdings.

Josh Reichert, managing

director of the Pew Environment Group, said the ruling should be rescinded if the judge still has investments in companies that could benefit.

"If Judge Feldman has any investments in oil and gas operators in the Gulf, it represents a flagrant conflict of interest," Reichert said.

Feldman's ruling prohibits federal officials from enforcing the moratorium until a trial is held. At least two major oil companies, Shell and Marathon, said they would wait to see how the appeals play out before resuming drilling.

In his ruling, the judge called the spill "an unprecedented, sad, ugly and inhuman disaster," but said Salazar's rationale for the moratorium "does not seem to be fact-specific and refuses to take into measure the safety records of those others in the Gulf." Feldman said he was "unable to divine or fathom a relationship between the findings and the immense scope of the moratorium."

The judge said the blanket moratorium "seems to assume that because one rig failed and although no one yet fully knows why, all companies and rigs drilling new wells over 500 feet also universally present an imminent danger."

The lawsuit was filed by Hornbeck Offshore Services of Covington, Louisiana. CEO Todd Hornbeck said after

the ruling that he is looking forward to getting back to work. "It's the right thing for not only the industry but the country," he said.

Earlier in the day, executives at a major oil conference in London warned that the moratorium would cripple world energy supplies. Steven Newman, president and CEO of Transocean, called it unnecessary and an overreaction.

"There are things the administration could implement today that would allow the industry to go back to work tomorrow without an arbitrary six-month time limit," Newman said.

BP CEO Tony Hayward skipped the event after coming under fire for attending a yacht race in England on Saturday rather than dealing with the spill.

BP stock dropped 81 cents, or 2.7 percent, to \$29.52, near a 14-year-old low for the company in U.S. trading. The stocks of other companies associated with the spill remained low despite Feldman's ruling.

The drilling moratorium was declared May 6 and originally was to last only through the month. Obama announced May 27 that he was extending it for six months.

Rep. Edward Markey, a Democrat who is chairman of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, slammed the



Demonstrators stand behind Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, left, and Deputy Interior Secretary David Hayes, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, May 26, 2010, as they testify before the House Natural Resources Committee hearing on the "Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion."

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ruling.

"This is another bad decision in a disaster riddled with bad decisions by the oil industry,"

said Markey, who was at the forefront of the effort to force BP to make underwater video of the spill public. □

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President Barack Obama, joined by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates at right, tells reporters during a Cabinet meeting that he thinks Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the commander of Western forces in Afghanistan, used “poor judgement” in speaking candidly during an interview with Rolling Stone magazine, in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Gen. McChrystal has been summoned to Washington to answer for the unflattering remarks about senior Obama Administration officials.

Associated Press

U.S. GENERAL

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If not insubordination, the remarks in a forthcoming Rolling Stone magazine article were at least an indirect challenge to civilian management of the war in Washington by its top military commander.

“I think it’s clear that the article in which he and his team appeared showed a poor — showed poor judgment,” the president said, surrounded by members of his Cabinet at the close of their meeting. “But I also want to make sure that I talk to him directly before I make any final decisions.”

A senior U.S. military official in Afghanistan told The Associated Press the general has been given no indication that he would be fired but no assurance he would not be. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal discussions between Washington and the general’s office in Kabul.

The eruption comes as the war and public support for it are at a tipping point, a perilous time to change military leadership. A majority of Americans now say the war is probably not worth fighting, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates has said that public dissatisfaction means the U.S.-led

international coalition must show progress this year.

A crucial military push to against resistance in the Taliban heartland in southern Afghanistan is going more slowly that McChrystal had planned, and showing fewer solid results. Marines in Helmand Province are in near-daily firefights, months after a push there was supposed to have cleared out the bulk of Taliban fighters.

McChrystal has spent the past several weeks arguing that the U.S.-led military effort is gaining momentum against the Taliban, while Gates argued for time to show that McChrystal’s many changes in strategy and tactics can succeed.

As support for the general drained in Washington, the showdown was set to take place Wednesday in two parts — as part of Obama’s regular monthly war meeting, in which McChrystal usually participates by videoconference, and a separate discussion between the general and Obama in the Oval Office.

Several names circulated among Pentagon and Capitol Hill aides as potential successors. Military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of the White House meeting, said the administration has not talked to possible successors but might do so on Wednesday.

“We all serve at the pleasure of the president,” said Gen. James Mattis, one of those mentioned. “I have a pretty full plate here” in his current job as Joint Forces Command chief, Mattis told AP.

Other names include Lt. Gen. John Allen, the No. 2 at U.S. Central Command; Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, McChrystal’s No. 2 in Afghanistan; Gen. Martin Dempsey, commander of the

Army Training and Doctrine Command; and Adm. James Stavridis, the top NATO commander in Europe.

Democratic Rep. David Obey, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, urged McChrystal to resign. Sen. John McCain, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, which approved McChrystal for the job, was among three prominent Republican senators to criticize the general and say a decision about his future should rest with Obama.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said: “I couldn’t believe Gen. McChrystal, being the good soldier I think he is, at least in this article not being a very good soldier.”

McChrystal publicly apologized Tuesday for using “poor judgment” in the magazine interviews. He then left Afghanistan for the meeting in Washington.

There has been no similar public contretemps between a president and a top wartime commander since Truman relieved MacArthur of his Far East command in 1951. MacArthur bid farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: “Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.”

McChrystal will also meet separately with Gates, who issued a stern scolding to McChrystal on Tuesday that contains no endorsement for him to remain in his job. Gates hand-picked McChrystal to take over the war last year, calling him a driven visionary with the fortitude and intelligence to turn the war around. Obama fired the previous commander at Gates’ recommendation. Military leaders rarely challenge their commander in chief publicly, and when they do, consequences tend to be more severe than a scolding. □

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Mexico asks court to reject U.S. immigration law

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PHOENIX (AP) — Mexico on Tuesday asked a federal court in Arizona to declare the state's new immigration law unconstitutional, arguing that the country's own interests and its citizens' rights are at stake. Lawyers for Mexico on Tuesday submitted a legal brief in support of one of five lawsuits challenging the law. The law will take effect July 29 unless implementation is blocked by a court.

The law generally requires police investigating another incident or crime to ask people about their immigration status if there's a "reasonable suspicion" they're in the country illegally. It also makes being in Arizona illegally a misdemeanor, and it prohibits seeking day-labor work along the state's streets.

Citing "grave concerns," Mexico said its interest in having predictable, consistent relations with the United States shouldn't be frustrated by one U.S. state.

Mexico also said it has a legitimate interest in defending its citizens' rights and that the law would lead to racial profiling, hinder trade and tourism, and strain the countries' work on combatting drug trafficking and related violence.

"Mexican citizens will be afraid to visit Arizona for work or pleasure out of concern that they will be subject to unlawful police scrutiny and detention," the brief said.

It will be to a U.S. District Court judge to decide whether to accept the brief along with similar ones submitted by various U.S. organizations.

A spokesman for Gov. Jan Brewer did not immediately return a call for comment

on Mexico's brief. Brewer, who signed the law on April 23 and changes to it on April 30, has lawyers defending it in court.

Brewer and other supporters of the bill say the law is intended to pressure illegal immigrants to leave the United States. They contend it is a needed response to federal inaction over what they say is a porous border and social problems caused by illegal immigration. They also argue that it has

protections against racial profiling.

Mexican officials previously had voiced opposition to the Arizona law, with President Felipe Calderon saying June 8 that the law "opens a Pandora's box of the worst abuses in the history of humanity" by promoting racial profiling and potentially leading to an authoritarian society.

Calderon voiced similar criticism of the law during a May visit to Washington.

Chicago mayor defends handgun ban after shootings

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CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley defended the city's handgun ban Tuesday after a spate of shootings that left 10 people dead and dozens wounded, saying the violence bolsters the city's argument that the 1982 ordinance is needed.

Daley said the city must continue to fight against handguns even if the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down the ban as unconstitutional. The court is expected to rule later this month.

"Look at all the guns that shot people this weekend. Where did they come from? That is the issue," Daley said at a South Side high school Tuesday.

Ten people have been killed and more than 60 others wounded by gunfire since Friday, city officials said. Daley said about 75 percent of the recent shootings involved people who knew each other.

Chicago officials have said that if the Supreme Court rules against the city, they would look for ways to change gun restrictions so they aren't unconstitutional. Chicago's ordinance that makes it illegal to possess or sell handguns in the city.

Homicides from all causes are up slightly in Chicago over last year. Officials earlier this month said the city had 164 homicides between January and May — a 4 percent increase over the same period in 2009.

Beatrice Sumlin, who raised her children on the city's South Side and said she knows lots of people whose children joined gangs, agreed with the mayor on the danger of family and friends hurting each other.

"People get in heated arguments, drinking and what have you," said Sumlin, 70. Daley also said Chicago will spend nearly \$25 million in federal economic stimulus money on preventive programs for youth in high schools. The programs include mentors and teacher training. □

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Judy Schulz, front, cheers as her husband Richard Schulz, left, both of Glendale, Ariz., as they joined hundreds supporting Arizona's new law on illegal immigration as they listen to speakers near the capitol Saturday, June 5, 2010, in Phoenix.

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U.S. officials have said the in court. Secretary of State Obama administration has Hilary Clinton recently serious concerns about the went further by saying a law and may challenge it lawsuit is planned. □

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Medvedev to tour Silicon Valley, seek investors



Russian President Dmitry Medvedev arrives in San Francisco, Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Medvedev is in California for a two-day visit to Silicon Valley.

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MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev visits Silicon Valley for the first time on Wednesday, eager to reinvent his country's outmoded, oil-dependent economy — and lure talent

and money from the U.S. high-tech center.

Two years into his presidency, the 44-year-old, tech-savvy Kremlin chief still lives in the shadow of his predecessor Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, but that hasn't stopped him from strenuously pursuing pet

projects, the most grandiose of which is the creation of Russia's own Silicon Valley outside Moscow.

But to succeed, Medvedev knows he needs to attract some of the best minds and investors in the United States to a project that many Russian businessmen are already skeptical about.

"The future of our country, and its competitiveness on international markets, to a large degree depends upon the results of cooperating with foreign companies and universities," the Russian president told an international business forum in St. Petersburg last week.

On Tuesday, Medvedev touched down in San Francisco where he was greeted by California first lady Maria Shriver and former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. They were scheduled to attend a reception along with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Tuesday night at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel.

While in California, Medvedev will also meet with Twitter's founders, and give a speech at Stanford University. He will then fly to Washington to meet President Barack Obama, and from there the two will go to

Toronto for the G-8 and G-20 summits.

But it is the front leg of the trip that has deep personal significance for Medvedev, who wants to refashion Russia from a raw materials supplier into a high-tech, intellectual oasis where innovation thrives.

Since the Soviet Union dissolved nearly two decades ago, thousands of Russia's brightest minds emigrated to work in scientific centers in the U.S., Britain and Israel. Now Russia's leadership wants to entice them back and keep ambitious minds at home.

In four months the Kremlin has lavished an "innograd" — or innovation city — project in Skolkovo outside Moscow with budget allocations of hundreds of millions of dollars, attracted entrepreneurs and scientists, and last week in St. Petersburg secured a promise from Silicon Valley's own Cisco Systems Inc. to participate in the ambitious venture.

However, despite numerous tax breaks — companies are expected to enjoy an unprecedented 10-year grace period — potential investors are likely to share the same concerns as many Russian

businessmen: that "innograd" will be nothing more than a huge real estate project.

"I'm sure they will build everything that's needed, but I doubt there will be any innovations or ideas there because the government glosses over the details," said Yaroslav Petrichkovsky, director of Elvees, a microchip producer and safety systems designer.

"Like in other cases, they decided everything by themselves."

The promise of immense state investments — \$500 million alone has been budgeted next year — and unprecedented tax benefits have prompted many to dub Skolkovo an enormous black hole, considering that special tax zones in Russia often have been a magnet for murky capital while producing little value.

High-tech businesses have long asked for financing for research and tax breaks, but they have tended to encounter risk-adverse bureaucrats wary of venture capital and failure. Analysts warn that without genuine reform of Russia's tremendous state machine, a mega-project like Skolkovo will be doomed before it ever gets off the ground. □

U.N. appoints three-member panel on Sri Lankan war

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Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. chief announced Tuesday he has appointed a three-member panel headed by a former Indonesian attorney general to look into alleged rights abuses committed during Sri Lanka's quarter-century civil war.

The panel is to be chaired by Marzuki Darusman, also the U.N.'s special rights investigator to North Korea, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's office said.

Its job is to advise Ban on alleged violations of international rights and humanitarian laws during the war's final stages. The panel aims to get cooperation from Sri Lankan officials and to

complete its advisory work within four months.

The other two members are Yasmin Sooka, a South African former member of the commission that investigated apartheid atrocities, and Steven Ratner, an American lawyer and author of a book on the struggle among nations to hold people accountable for human rights abuses.

Specifically, Ban said he is looking to the panel for an assessment of how well Sri Lanka's President Mahinda Rajapaksa has followed up on the commitment he made to human rights accountability when Ban visited in May 2009.

A statement from the secretary-general said he "remains convinced that accountability

is an essential foundation for durable peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka."

Human rights groups say the government is illegally detaining the war refugees who comprise the country's minority Tamil population. Aid groups say the camps are overcrowded and prone to disease, and they fear that monsoon rains expected next month will create a public health crisis.

"We think the expert panel will be valuable only if it will be able to produce a roadmap for an international investigation, and the SG acts on that," said Peggy Hicks, global advocacy director for Human Rights Watch in New York. "The membership looks good, but experience to date shows the



Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa gestures from atop a jeep as military commanders look on during a victory day parade in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Friday, June 18, 2010. Sri Lanka showed off its military hardware during a victory parade Friday to celebrate the first anniversary of the defeat of Tamil Tiger rebels, amid growing criticism over alleged rights abuses in the last phase of the quarter-century civil war.

Associated Press

Sri Lanka government is not going to investigate wartime abuses."

Sri Lanka has rejected either an international or joint investigation, saying civil war is a domestic issue.

Last week, U.N.

Undersecretary-General for Political Affairs B. Lynn Pascoe visited areas close to where the last battles were waged and talked to the people who fled their homes during the fighting and are now being resettled. □

Brazil govt plans to limit foreign land purchases

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Associated Press Writer

SAO PAULO (AP) —

Brazil's government wants to tighten restrictions on foreign ownership of farm lands in Latin America's biggest country, the Agrarian Development Ministry said Tuesday.

Ministry spokeswoman Denise Mantovani confirmed published remarks by Minister Guilherme Cassel, who said that the government does not want foreigners to buy agricultural land in Brazil.

"We do not need foreigners to produce food in Brazil," Cassel told the business newspaper Valor Economico. "This is the policy of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva."

"Because of food security, Brazilian lands must remain in Brazilian hands," the minister said.

Mantovani said that 10 million acres (4 million hectares) of land had been registered by foreigners as of 2008 and

that between 2002 and 2008, foreigners invested \$2.43 billion to purchase land.

According to Valor Economico, the decision to put a lid on foreign ownership of land is due to rising world demand for food, water and natural resources.

Mantovani said that current law says large rural properties can only be purchased by Brazilian citizens or residents. "But foreigners often bypass that rule by setting up companies in Brazil, which are controlled abroad, to purchase land. This is a foreign company and this is what we want to control."

"I am not a xenophobe but our land is finite. The population grows and demands food," the minister said.

Mantovani said that representatives from several ministries were preparing a constitutional amendment to further restrict foreign ownership of land.

She said the amendment being



People work at getting debris cleared from a street after heavy rains in Barreiros, Pernambuco state, Brazil, Monday, June 21, 2010. Officials scrambled to get food and medical aid to two flood-hit Brazilian states where torrents of water ripped through towns, killing at least 41 people and driving 120,000 from their homes.

Associated Press

drawn up "could include the revoking of land titles already purchased by foreigners." She did not provide details.

Most foreigners purchase land to raise cattle and grow

soybeans and other crops in the states of Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Sao Paulo, Bahia and Minas Gerais.

We are going to draw up an amendment that will make it

clear that foreigners can invest in any field, except land," the minister said.

It is unclear when the amendment will be debated in Congress. □

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Lawmakers: Pentagon ignored payments to warlords

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

— Lawmakers criticized U.S. military officials Tuesday for failing to heed warnings about the role the congressmen say a Pentagon transportation contract plays in fueling extortion and corruption in Afghanistan. Democratic Rep. John Tierney said at a hearing that the trucking companies hired to move food, water, fuel and ammunition to American troops stationed at bases across Afghanistan are forced to pay warlords millions of dollars to ensure safe passage through dangerous areas.

The spoils may then be funneled to the Taliban and insurgent forces with ties to the warlords, potentially making the United States an unwitting financier of the enemy.

“U.S. taxpayer dollars are feeding a protection racket in Afghanistan that would make Tony Soprano proud,” Tierney said, referring to the fictional Mafia leader in the TV series “The Sopranos.” Military authorities in Afghanistan have been concerned only that the supplies reach their destinations and the warnings they received from the trucking companies

about extortion payments “fell on deaf ears,” said Tierney, who chairs the House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform national security subcommittee. Army Lt. Gen. William Phillips, a senior Pentagon acquisition official, said he was unaware of the allegations that U.S. tax dollars may be indirectly bankrolling the insurgency and promoting instability in Afghanistan.

“We need to research them and determine what the facts and the evidence are,” Phillips said, “and then take hard actions whether it’s contractually or legally.”

Members of the subcommittee were not impressed. “Warlord Inc.,” a report released Monday by the panel’s Democratic staff, noted that a military task force has been examining allegations since last year of extortion and corruption stemming from the contract. But the report paints the inquiry as slow-moving and unfocused.

“There seems to be very little indication the Department of Defense is doing anything,” said Rep. Jeff Flake, the subcommittee’s top Republican. The contract, called Host Nation Trucking, is a critical component of the effort to keep more than



In this Jan. 17, 2010 file photo, a U.S. armored personal carrier vehicle escorts a convoy of trucks carrying U.S. equipments in Kabul, Afghanistan. Criminal investigators are examining allegations that Afghan security firms have been extorting as much as \$4 million a week from contractors paid with U.S. tax dollars and then funneling the spoils to warlords and the Taliban.

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200 U.S. military combat outposts throughout the country stocked. Supplies are typically shipped through Pakistan to Bagram Airfield, the U.S. military’s main hub in Afghanistan, and then on to the outlying bases by eight different trucking companies.

Nearly \$700,000 per day is spent on average moving supplies throughout Afghanistan, Phillips said. The contract has a ceiling of \$2.1 billion, but Phillips said he does not expect that much to be spent before the arrangement expires in 2011. □

Republic of Congo train crash kills at least 48

LOUIS OKAMBA

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BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo (AP) — Four train cars full of passengers fell into a ravine in Republic of Congo after a derailment, leaving at least 48 people dead and more than 400 hurt, said top government officials, who also said excessive speed caused the deadly crash.

The government also called for three days of national mourning in a Tuesday night statement issued after a meeting of top officials summoned by President Denis Sassou-Nguesso. Government spokesman Bienvenu Okiemy also said the government will pay for victims’ funerals and that mourning will begin Saturday.

“According to the facts on the ground, excess speed is the main cause of this train accident,” Okiemy said.

Okiemy said the death toll from Monday night’s crash could still rise, as 15 people remained in critical condition and search teams could still find bodies in train cars at the bottom of the ravine. He said 405 people were known to have been hurt. Earlier Tuesday, Health Minister Georges Moyon said 49 people were killed in the crash, following estimates from railway officials that at least 60 people were killed. Jean Miche Ibinda, spokesman for the rail company, said the train was leaving the coastal town of Pointe-Noire and was headed to the capital, Brazzaville, when it derailed. Army and Red Cross officials rushed to the scene of the accident to help the victims, he said.

The CFCO rail line that runs for about 300 miles (510 kilometers) through the country has had difficulties in recent years with its old trains and lines.

In a statement, government officials noted that Monday’s crash was the third the train company had experienced in 19 years. In 1991, a derailment killed 115 people and wounded many others in the Central African nation that is often overshadowed by its much larger neighbor, Congo. □



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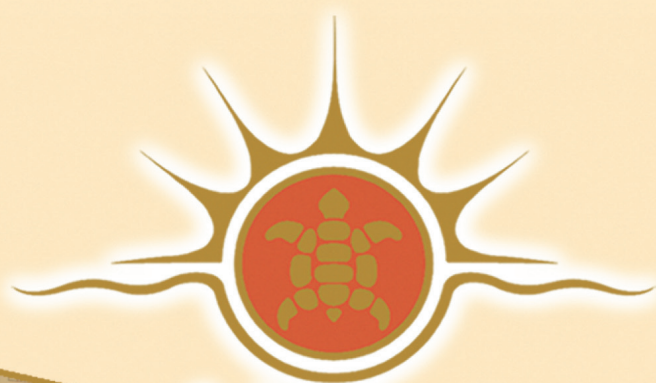
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Police: Fugitive drug lord arrested in Jamaica

HOWARD CAMPBELL

Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Reputed gang leader Christopher “Dudus” Coke, who eluded a bloody police offensive in his slum stronghold last month, was arrested Tuesday by authorities outside Jamaica’s capital, the island’s top cop said.

Coke has been called one of the world’s most dangerous drug lords by U.S. authorities and faces trial in New York on drug and arms trafficking charges. His arrest came nearly a month after 76 people were killed during a four-day assault by police and soldiers on the West Kingston slum of Tivoli Gardens, which is Coke’s base.

At a news conference, Police Commissioner Owen Ellington said Coke was in good condition in police custody. He provided few specifics, saying that “the circumstances of (Coke’s) arrest are being investigated.”

Jamaican news media had reported Coke turned himself in. But the Rev. Al Miller, an influential evangelical preacher who facilitated the surrender of Coke’s brother earlier this month, told The

Associated Press that Coke was prepared to surrender to authorities at the U.S. Embassy in Kingston when police stopped his convoy on a highway outside the capital.

“A contact was made on his behalf that he wanted to give himself in,” Miller said. “I therefore made arrangements with his lawyers because he wanted to go ahead with the extradition process, so we communicated with the U.S. Embassy because that’s where he would feel more comfortable.”

Miller said police captured Coke on the way to the embassy and then took him to the nearby Spanish Town police headquarters. He was then flown to Kingston, the preacher said.

Last month, a U.S. law enforcement official in New York, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that a lawyer for Coke was in negotiations with the U.S. Justice Department about his client’s possible safe removal to New York to face charges. Coke is said to fear suffering the same fate as his father, a gang leader known as Jim Brown, who died in a prison fire in 1992 while awaiting

extradition to the U.S. on drug charges.

U.S. Embassy officials did not immediately return calls. A phone for Coke’s lead attorney, Don Foote, went unanswered.

Prime Minister Bruce Golding, whose Jamaica Labor Party has long counted on the support of gunmen inside Coke’s Tivoli Gardens slum, opposed the U.S. extradition request for nine months before reversing himself under growing public pressure that threatened his political career.

Earlier this month, the main opposition party staged a no-confidence vote against Golding, which he survived after promising a sustained assault on the gangs that control poor politicized slums such as Tivoli Gardens.

Coke is wanted in New York on charges that he trafficked cocaine and marijuana as well as weapons between his Caribbean island and the United States.

The reputed drug baron, who typically avoids the limelight, has remained silent. He faces life in prison if convicted on charges filed against him in New York.

Jamaica’s political history is intertwined with slum gangs



Police take cover during operations in Kingston, Jamaica, Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Jamaican police said at least 26 civilians and four members of the security forces have died as police and soldiers battle defenders of a powerful Jamaican gang leader sought by the United States.

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that the two main parties helped organize — and some say armed — in Kingston’s poor neighborhoods in the 1970s and ‘80s. The gangs controlled the streets and intimidated voters at election time. In recent years political violence has waned, and many of the killings in Kingston now are blamed on the active drug and extortion trade.

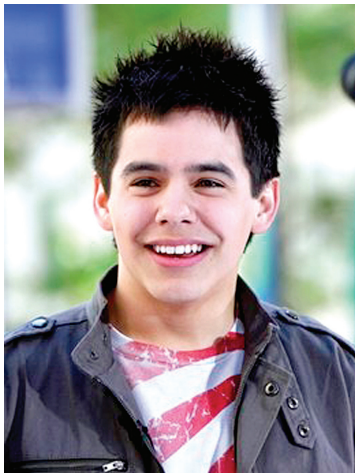
Coke was born into Jamaica’s gangland. His father was the leader of the notorious Shower Posse gang, a cocaine-trafficking band with agents in Jamaica and the U.S. that began operating

in the 1980s and was named for its members’ tendency to spray victims with bullets.

The son took over from the father, U.S. authorities allege.

In recent days, Jamaica’s government had offered a \$60,000 reward for information leading to Coke’s arrest.

Also known as “President” to the people of his slum, Coke served as community leader and enforcer in the gritty neighborhood in an area that the government acknowledges it has long neglected. □



DC July 4 features David Archuleta, Gladys Knight

FILE - In this May 29, 2008 file photo, David Archuleta appears on the NBC 'Today' television program, in New York's Rockefeller Center. Archuleta and Gladys Knight are joining the all-star cast headlining 'A Capitol Fourth' concert, which will be broadcast live from the west lawn of the Capitol.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

By LAUREN SAUSSER,

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — “American Idol” runner-up David Archuleta and Gladys Knight will perform at the annual July Fourth holiday concert in Washington.

“A Capitol Fourth” will be broadcast live from the west lawn of the Capitol at 8 p.m. on PBS stations.

Actor Jimmy Smits is hosting the event. Reba McEntire, Darius Rucker and the National

Symphony Orchestra are also scheduled to perform.

The 19-year-old Archuleta was the 2008 “American Idol” runner-up. He’ll sing the National Anthem — a song he says he loves to perform.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to turn out for the concert.

The program is celebrating its 30th anniversary on the air. It will end with a 17-minute fireworks show. □

King of Pop's estate has rebounded since death

By RYAN NAKASHIMA,
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — The money is rolling in. The bills are being paid. And all those people who said Michael Jackson might earn more in death than in life are being proved right.

Like the estates of Elvis Presley and Yves Saint Laurent, Jackson's has grown immensely since he died on June 25, 2009.

Without Jackson's lavish spending sprees, and with the help of new revenue pouring in from nostalgia over the reign of the King of Pop, estate co-executors John Branca and John McClain have

dramatically turned around Jackson's finances.

A kingdom that was on the verge of collapse from more than \$500 million in debt now looks to be able to support his three children and his mother and donate healthily to children's charities.

The estate has earned more than \$250 million in the year since he died. Executors used some of that to pay off \$70 million in debt, including the \$5 million mortgage on the Jackson family compound in Encino, part of Los Angeles. The interest payments on the remaining debt are now covered by a steady flow of

cash.

“They're off to a spectacularly good start,” said Lance Grode, a former Jackson lawyer and adjunct professor at the University of Southern California Law School. He added, however, “there's a long way to go before they pay off all of their debts.”

A rundown of deals suggests that Jackson's fortune will be even bigger than could have been realized by a planned series of comeback concerts:

- A posthumous deal to sell unreleased Jackson recordings with Sony Music guaranteed \$200 million over seven years. It has already brought \$125



FILE - In this Sept. 24, 2009 file photo, Michael Jackson fans arrive to buy tickets for the 'Michael Jackson's This Is It' film, at L.A. Live in Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, file)

Michael Jackson's mother supports fan tribute

By NEKESA MUMBI
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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Michael Jackson's mother has given her blessing to a tribute concert that will mark the anniversary of her son's death.

Voice Plate Productions is staging “Forever Michael” fan event Saturday at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif., but some have wondered if it was legitimate or done with the family's approval.

In a video posted on YouTube, Katherine Jackson appeared with Joseph Fahmy, the tribute's organizer, to thank him for putting it together.

“I know that Michael would be very honored and very pleased that his fans all over the world are coming together to celebrate his life,” she said. She also thanked people for the support they have given her family since Jackson died June 25, 2009, at age 50.

Fahmy told The Associated

Press on Monday that Katherine Jackson “just rescued me” with her show of support.

“There was some negative press, and rumors that it wasn't authorized,” Fahmy explained. “But we know it was. ...

The Jacksons are so private, and, really, I was going to allow the press to just say what they were going to say, and take the beating from the press, just to give them (the Jacksons) their privacy.”

Added Fahmy: “Towards the end here, Mrs. Jackson just said, ‘I need to clear the air for you, because you're doing such a wonderful thing.’ And she was just one of the sweetest ladies you could ever meet.”

Fahmy, CEO of the Los Angeles-based VoicePlate, estimated the event's cost at \$250,000. It will include performances by the Ch-Lites and Genevieve Jackson,



FILE - In this June 14, 2010 file photo, Michael Jackson's parents, Katherine Jackson and Joe Jackson leave a Los Angeles courthouse after a preliminary hearing in the trial of Michael Jackson's personal doctor Conrad Murray.

(AP Photo/Nick Ut, file)

Michael Jackson's niece and the daughter of Randy Jackson. Tickets start at \$150 and go up to \$500.

Part of the proceeds from the event will go to the Jackson Family Foundation and to Michael Jackson's favorite charities, according to the organizers. □

million to the estate.

- The film “This Is It,” based on his final concert rehearsal footage, grossed \$252 million worldwide. Sony Pictures paid the estate \$60 million in advance, with an undisclosed amount more to come from DVD sales.

- Licensing deals on merchandise sold by Universal Music Group's Bravado unit and a new dance game by Ubisoft Entertainment brought in \$26 million in advances. More is possible if unit sales are high.

- The Mijac Music catalog of copyrights, on songs that Jackson wrote, generated \$25 million in the past year, thanks to heavy airplay on radio stations and song and album sales.

- Music publisher Sony/ATV, the copyright holder of the Beatles' and other artists' songs, posted double-digit percentage revenue gains in the year through March. That netted Jackson's estate, which owns a 50 percent stake, \$11 million.

- Other income, including from a rerelease of Jackson's

autobiography, “Moon Walk,” and sales of commemorative tickets to his canceled concerts, brought in another \$25 million.

The tally does not include a deal with Cirque du Soleil for shows inspired by Jackson's music, in which the estate will share half the costs and profits when the performances begin in late 2011. Nor does it account for a deal in the works to nearly double the estate's income from Sony/ATV. That cash goes to pay down most of Jackson's remaining debt.

According to co-executor Branca, Jackson's longtime lawyer and business manager, the new deals follow a script the two set out shortly before the singer died.

“When I met with him before he died we went through an agenda. John (McClain) and I are really executing on that,” Branca told The Associated Press. “We're doing the things we think Michael would have wanted.”

Several people have been paid for overdue bills after spending years trying to track the singer down. □

BUSINESS

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Stocks slide on new concerns about housing, banks

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks dropped for a second day Tuesday after home sales dropped unexpectedly and the White House vowed to fight a court ruling against an offshore drilling moratorium.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 149 points, its biggest drop in about two weeks. Treasury prices climbed after demand for safe investments rose.

The National Association of Realtors reported that sales of existing homes fell 2.2 percent in May. The report surprised analysts who thought sales would get a lift from a homebuyer tax credit. Sales fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.66 million from a revised 5.79 million in April.

Homebuilder Toll Brothers

Inc. slid 3.2 percent, while Hovnanian Enterprises Inc. fell 3.5 percent.

Oil stocks fell after the administration said it would appeal a judge's decision to overturn a six-month ban on deepwater oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

Baker Hughes Inc., a supplier of oil drilling parts and services, fell 4.4 percent, while oil-services company Halliburton Inc. fell 3.9 percent.

Technology shares fell less than the broader market after Apple Inc. said it sold 3 million iPads in the first 80 days the tablet computers were on sale in the U.S. The stock rose 1.4 percent and helped limit the losses in the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index.

The selling intensified shortly before 2 p.m. Eastern time, when the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index fell below

1,100, its average finish of the past 200 days. Many professionals consider the 200-day moving average, as it's called, to be a predictor of the market's direction. The drop below 1,110 hastened the market's slide because computer programs kicked in and drove more selling.

The slide also came as the Federal Reserve held the first part of a two-day meeting, at which it's expected to keep its benchmark federal funds rate at the current range of zero to 0.25 percent. The Fed is maintaining low rates because high unemployment and weakness in the housing market have held back an economic rebound.

Christian Hviid, chief market strategist at Genworth Financial Asset Management in Encino, Calif., said traders are concerned that the Fed



In this June 21, 2010 photo, trader Steven Kaplan works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Fresh concerns about Europe's sovereign debt crisis rattled markets Tuesday, June 22. Stock futures fell modestly after the ratings of a major European bank were cut.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

will issue a more pessimistic view of the economy in the statement that accompanies its decision on interest rates Wednesday. He said expectations for the economy in the second half of the year might have been too high given that borrowing is still restricted and that consumer spending is still weak.

"Not all risk is gone," Hviid said.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow fell 148.89, or 1.4 percent, to 10,293.52, its biggest point loss since June 4. The S&P 500 index fell 17.89, or 1.6 percent, to 1,095.31, while the Nasdaq fell 27.29, or 1.2 percent, to 2,261.80. □



Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne holds his Budget Box as he poses for the media outside his official residence at 11 Downing Street in central London, Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Osbourne said he'll cut government borrowing from 10 percent of GDP to 1 percent within 5 years by means of spending cuts, including a freeze on financial support to the Queen. In an emergency budget aimed at repairing the country's economy, (AP Photo/Akira Suemori)

Europe's tough measures expose trans-Atlantic rift

By DAVID STRINGER
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LONDON — A trans-Atlantic rift is growing over the right medicine for Europe's financial crisis, with Britain announcing its steepest cuts in decades Tuesday and Germany defending its own austerity measures after a warning by President Barack Obama that budget-slashing could threaten the global recovery. Britain's emergency budget is the latest in a string of deep cuts in public spending and reflects new resolve in Europe, after Greece was pushed to the brink of bankruptcy and even threatened the bloc's economic union, to tackle debt before worrying about growth.

As leaders of the Group of 20 economic powers prepare to assemble later this week in Canada, that single-minded focus is worrying the United States. Obama wrote a letter to world leaders Friday warning against excessive spending cuts. German Chancellor Angela Merkel fought back this week, defending her government's \$80 billion savings plan

as British treasury chief George Osborne forged ahead with his own grim budget. Many European analysts agree that taming deficits is the more urgent priority. Obama "has a point, but there are some countries that don't have a luxury of a choice, they have got to get a grip and start cutting quickly because the alternative of becoming the next Greece is not palatable to them," said Jonathan Loynes, chief European economist at Capital Economics in London.

The British budget aims to sharply reduce record public debt. Shoppers will pay higher sales taxes, wealthy people will be hit for higher capital gains taxes and banks will be charged a new levy on profits, a move already approved by France and Germany. Even Queen Elizabeth II accepted a freeze in her support from taxpayers.

In Germany, a spokesman for Merkel said she talked by phone Monday with Obama about a letter he wrote to G-20 leaders in which he cautioned against hurting the fragile global economic recovery by trimming spending prematurely.

The letter was seen as a criticism of Germany's plan to reduce its deficit, but the spokesman said Obama did not pressure Germany to continue stimulus spending by piling up more debt. The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with government policy.

Europe's leaders are stuck in a quandary: They must bring down mammoth debt through spending cuts toward off economic panic, but the measures are bound to stunt growth. And it will probably take years to determine whether they chose the right medicine and dosage.

"My suspicion is that it will be a major drag on the economy for a few years, and it may be we decide in the future whether they went too aggressively, but the political and market climate right now is such that they had no choice," Loynes said.

The realization that Europe is bound to implement spending cuts that will hurt growth for years has weighed on the euro, pushing it to four-year lows earlier this month. □

SPORTS

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Serena Williams, Nadal win Wimbledon openers

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Serena Williams began the defense of her Wimbledon title with a comfortable first-round win on Tuesday, relying on an overpowering serve to beat 17-year-old Michelle Larcher de Brito 6-0, 6-4.

Williams won all 27 points on her first serve and hit 15 aces, the last on her final shot. As the crowd applauded her victory, Williams curtsied, mindful Queen Elizabeth II is expected to visit Wimbledon for the first time since 1977 on Thursday.

Williams plays her second-round match that day and has been practicing her curtsy.

“I want it to be more natural,” she said. “Right now it feels really forced. Seems like I’ve never done a curtsy before, which may be true.

But I’m looking forward to nailing it.”

The queen may also get to see top-ranked Rafael Nadal, who advanced by beating Japanese wild card Kei Nishikori 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. It was Nadal’s first match at Wimbledon since he became the 2008 champion; he missed last year’s tournament because of knee tendinitis.

“For me it was a very special moment to come back to this, probably the nicest Centre Court in the world,” Nadal said. “I’m enjoying a lot to be back in my favorite tournament.”

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Spain’s Rafael Nadal sits on the court during his match against Japan’s Kei Nishikori at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

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In this March 21, 1990 file photo, Team Canada’s Angela James, left, checks Germany’s Elvira Saager during the Women’s World Hockey Championships in Ottawa. James was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame on Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

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TORONTO (AP) — The Hockey Hall of Fame is no longer just for male inductees. Cammi Granato and Angela James changed that on Tuesday when they became the first women elected to be enshrined in Toronto. Along with former NHL All-Star Dino Ciccarelli, Granato and James will go in

as part of the players category during an induction ceremony in November.

Longtime Red Wings executive Jimmy Devellano and the late Daryl (Doc) Seaman — a founding owner of the Calgary Flames — were elected as builders.

While women had always

Granato, James first women elected to Hockey Hall of Fame

been eligible for induction, the Hall made it easier for them to be voted in when it established a women’s subcategory this year.

Up to four male players are eligible for induction annually, but only Ciccarelli was voted in Tuesday. Eric Lindros and Joe Nieuwendyk were potential contenders among NHL players in their first year of eligibility that didn’t receive enough support.

Women were given their own player category this year, and James and Granato filled the maximum of two female inductees per year.

“This is a day I never really thought would ever happen,” James said. “I’m really honored to represent the female hockey players from all over the world.”

Granato played on the U.S. women’s hockey team for 15 years and led the club to a gold

medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics. Her brother, Tony, played and coached in the NHL.

“I dreamed of being in the NHL my entire life, and this certainly makes up for those dreams,” Granato said. “Being amongst the first women to play at college and later at the Olympics, it certainly was worthwhile being a hockey pioneer.”

James was a four-time world champion with the Canadian women’s team. She starred in the 1970s and early ‘80s in the Central Ontario Women’s League.

“On behalf of everyone in women’s hockey, I am truly honored,” the Toronto native said.

“As a kid I went to the Hall and was in awe of those who had been inducted. I am delighted to be able to join them.”

Ciccarelli played 19 NHL seasons with five teams,

recording 608 goals and 592 assists in 1,232 games. In nine seasons with the Minnesota North Stars, he led the team in scoring five times.

“This is a tremendous honor that I will cherish for the rest of my life,” Ciccarelli said. “I really appreciate the support of my coaches, the fans and mostly importantly my family throughout my 19-year career.”

The 18-member selection committee includes Scotty Bowman, Pat Quinn, Harry Sinden, Serge Savard and Peter Stastny.

Chairman Bill Hay said he wasn’t worried about a perceived imbalance of male and female players entering the Hall this year when there are so many retired NHL players lined up for induction. “The selection committee at no time are concerned about the new inductees,” he said.

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MLB Roundup

Cincinnati beats Oakland 6-4 in extra innings

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Ramon Hernandez hit a tiebreaking leadoff home run in the 10th inning, Joey Votto and Scott Rolen added back-to-back shots as the Cincinnati Reds broke out of their offensive slump to beat the Oakland Athletics 6-4 on Monday. Oakland's Kevin Kouzmanoff tied the game with a leadoff home run in the bottom of the ninth off Reds closer Francisco Cordero before the Reds turned on the power in the 10th off relievers Michael

Wuertz and Cedrick Bowers. Cordero (3-3) got the win after his fifth blown save of the season. He gave up a pair of walks leading off the 10th before two more Cincinnati relievers were needed to close the game out. Diamondbacks 10, Yankees 4 At Phoenix, Justin Upton, Adam LaRoche and Mark Reynolds homered off struggling A.J. Burnett in the first inning as Arizona cruised past the New York Yankees. Upton, who added a three-run homer in the eighth, reached

base five times, had four RBIs and scored four runs. Miguel Montero was 3 for 4 with a double and two RBIs as the Diamondbacks won at home for the 11th time in 16 games. They have lost 14 of 15 on the road.

Burnett (6-6) gave up seven runs and nine hits in four innings with no strikeouts and two walks.

Rodrigo Lopez (3-6) gave up three runs and eight hits in eight innings for his first victory since May 15.

Nationals 2, Royals 1

At Washington, Mike Morse and Cristian Guzman hit solo home runs and Livan Hernandez pitched seven strong innings as Washington snapped a six-game losing streak in a victory over Kansas City.

Hernandez (6-4) had his longest outing since May 9, giving up one run and eight



Oakland Athletics' Michael Wuertz, right, turns his back as Cincinnati Reds' Ramon Hernandez rounds the bases after Hernandez hit a home run during the tenth inning of a baseball game Monday, June 21, 2010, in Oakland, Calif.

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hits to help the Nationals snap their longest losing streak since an eight-game skid last Aug. 28 to Sept. 5.

Matt Capps struck out the side — all on called strikes — in the ninth for his major

league-leading 21st save in 25 chances.

Bruce Chen (3-2), making his fifth start for Kansas City since moving from the bullpen, allowed two runs and three hits in six innings. □



Canada's Mike Weir holds up the trophy after winning the 2010 Telus World Skins game with 12 skins at Bear Mountain Resort in Victoria, Canada, Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

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Weir wins \$270,000 in Telus Skins

VICTORIA, British Columbia (AP) — Canada's Mike Weir has won \$270,000 in the Telus Skins Game on Tuesday at the Bear Mountain Resort.

Weir's win came down to a 125-yard pitch-off on the final hole after the five professional golfers went skinless over nine holes.

The prize money grew to include 12 skins, nine Tuesday and three left over from Monday's nine holes.

South African Retief Goosen won \$75,000 on Monday with five skins, but was skinless Tuesday.

Englishman Ian Poulter won one skin and \$15,000 Monday, but failed to win a skin Tuesday. □

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Defending champion Serena Williams returns to Michelle Larcher De Brito of Portugal, during their women's singles, first round match on the Centre Court at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

WIMBLEDON OPENERS

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Neither French Open women's finalist survived the first round. Runner-up Samantha Stosur, ranked a career-high sixth, lost to qualifier Kaia Kanepi 6-4, 6-4, while winner Francesca Schiavone was beaten Monday. "No doubt it's a quick turnaround," Stosur said. "The champions of the game can do it back to back. That's the kind of pedestal that you want to

try to look up to and try to get to yourself." Maria Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, needed only 54 minutes to beat lucky loser Anastasia Pivovarova 6-1, 6-0. No. 3-seeded Caroline Wozniacki brushed aside Tathiana Garbin 6-1, 6-1. Former top-five player James Blake, returning from a three-month layoff because of a right knee injury, lost to Robin Haase 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. "The knee is not great,"

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Blake said. "If it doesn't get better soon, I'm not sure how much longer I want to play in pain." No. 6 Robin Soderling, runner-up at the French Open the past two years, beat American Robby Ginepri 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. No. 18 Sam Querrey of the United States won. No. 4 Andy Murray, No. 9 David Ferrer and No. 10 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga also advanced. Aside from Stosur, the only seeded woman to lose was No. 25 Lucie Safarova. Four seeded men were eliminated: No. 8 Fernando Verdasco, No. 14 Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 19 Nicolas Almagro and No. 24 Marcos Baghdatis. Williams played first on Centre Court and remained unbeaten in opening Grand Slam matches. She's 43-0 in the first round at major events. For her return to Wimbledon on a warm, sunny afternoon, the three-time champion wore a cream dress with red trim. "Strawberries and cream,"

she said. Larcher de Brito, ranked 148th, has three wins over top-20 players but was overwhelmed at the start, needing 33 minutes to win a game. However, the teenager then began to play better. "She definitely packs a punch," Williams said. "It was good for me because most people that do play nowadays hit really hard. It was good to get someone that hit really hard early on." Williams packed the bigger punch — she finished with 47 winners to six for Larcher de Brito, many on serves that reached up to 119 mph. "It's not even about the pace, because I could deal with that," Larcher de Brito said. "But she places it so well. When she aims for targets, she really hits that line or just clips that line." In the final game, Williams hit a service winner and three aces to close out the victory. She said poor serving cost her when she

was upset by Stosur in the quarterfinals at the French Open. "I served so terrible my last match at the French," Williams said. "I went home and worked really hard on my serve. I was incredibly disappointed with it. Had a talk with my serve. I said, 'You know, we got to do a little bit better.'" Williams reached double figures in aces for the eighth time this year, most on the women's tour. She has won 58 of her past 59 matches against players ranked outside the top 100. Nadal was in control from the start against Nishikori, and the Spaniard lost serve only once while committing just 16 unforced errors. Nadal, who won his fifth French Open title this month, is seeded second at Wimbledon to six-time champion Roger Federer. The two could meet in the final. Murray defeated Jan Hajek 7-5, 6-1, 6-2; Ferrer beat Nicolas Kiefer 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; and Tsonga downed Robert Kendrick of the U.S. 7-6 (2), 7-6 (8), 3-6, 6-4. Querrey, who won his first career grass-court title at Queen's this month, advanced when Sergiy Stakhovsky retired because of illness trailing 7-6 (4), 6-3, 2-1. Stakhovsky won the grass title this month at Den Bosch, Netherlands.

Two-time Grand Slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova was on the receiving end of 16 aces but still beat Akgul Amanmuradova 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-4. No. 7-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska defeated Melinda Czink 6-3, 6-3, and No. 10 Flavia Pennetta beat Anabel Medina Garrigues 6-4, 6-0. □

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Thousands of fans cheer Lakers in tribute

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Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tens of thousands of jubilant Los Angeles Lakers fans lined a two-mile route, many waving purple and gold flags and T-shirts that read “Back 2 Back” as they cheered the NBA champions during a parade to celebrate the team’s second consecutive title.

Kobe Bryant, Pau Gasol, Derek Fisher, Andrew Bynum and Ron Artest waved Monday to the throngs from a flatbed 18-wheeler as fans yelled and snapped pictures. Many waited hours for a glimpse of their heroes as they rolled past in a convoy that also included double-decker buses and fire engines.

Police reported a largely well-behaved crowd. Seven people

were arrested for various minor offenses, police said. Authorities did not provide a crowd estimate.

The hourlong parade capped a season that ended Thursday with an 83-79 Game 7 victory over the Boston Celtics and a 16th NBA title for the Lakers. Team members vowed to play hard for a 17th championship next season.

“When next season starts, we’ll be ready, that’s for sure,” Bryant told reporters. He added that of his five titles, “this is the best one by far because it was the hardest one to get.” Artest, who donned a top hat with purple and gold feathers and sported an unlit cigar during the ride, also said the team plans to buckle down. “We have to party for another week, then start putting in the

work and write history again next year,” he said.

The parade, which took the Lakers from Staples Center downtown to the Galen Center at the University of Southern California, started with the purple-clad Laker Girls, who received choruses of wolf-whistles.

The tribute also included past Lakers greats Earvin “Magic” Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. The crowd screamed “Ma-gic! Ma-gic!” when they spotted the player-turned businessman.

Missing from the parade was coach Phil Jackson, who had to attend previously scheduled medical checkups, said team spokesman John Black. Jackson has said his health will determine whether he will return as coach.



Holding the NBA championship trophy, Los Angeles Lakers’ Kobe Bryant flashes the victory sign during a parade in downtown Los Angeles on Monday, June 21, 2010.

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Artest said he wished Jackson could have been there. “He’s my favorite coach of all time,” Artest said. “I enjoyed it for him.”

Diehard fans wore all manner of Lakers attire and colors, from sneakers to purses to Mexican-style ponchos. Some waved huge flags and held up signs, like a foam tombstone reading “RIP Boston” and “Back to back without Shaq.” Many fans took a day off work to pay tribute to their team. Window washer Jimmy Baskom, 58, said he forewent the day’s pay to drive in from Palmdale because he wanted to see his longtime basketball

heroes up close after watching every game this season on TV.

“I’ve been a die-hard fan all my life and I watch every game, but this is my first opportunity to see them in person,” he said.

The police presence was heavy around the parade route with helicopters overhead and officers on foot, horseback, motorcycle and in cars to deter would-be vandals. After Thursday’s game, people started fires, rocked cars, smashed windows and threw objects at fans and officers. At least 42 people were arrested.

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“It’s time for females to be in. Changing the voting regulations to accommodate under the player category for two women, and the maximum of four players who are male, really fits with our long-range plan.”

James, dubbed “the Wayne Gretzky of women’s hockey,” was the top scorer for eight seasons and MVP for six in the Central Ontario Women’s League. James was also MVP at eight Canadian championships.

She recorded 34 points for Canada in 20 games over the first four world championships in 1990, 1992, 1994 and 1997. James scored 11 goals in the inaugural tournament in 1990 when the Canadian women wore pink jerseys to market their game.

“Back in the days when we wore pink uniforms, we did what it took to get our game on the map,” James said. “We didn’t care if we were wearing polka-dots, we just wanted to play.”

James is now a mother of three and works as a sports coordinator at Seneca College in Toronto.

Granato, who lives in Vancouver and is married to former NHL player Ray Ferraro, is the only woman to participate in each of the

first nine women’s world championships sanctioned by the International Ice Hockey Federation.

She is the career leader in goals and points for the United States in the world championship. Granato was Eastern College Athletic Conference player of the year three straight seasons for Providence College from 1991-93.

She then played in Canada for the Concordia Stingers, helping them to three Quebec titles.

Granato, James and Canadian defenceman Geraldine Heaney were the first women to enter the International Ice Hockey Hall of Fame two years ago. Granato was also the first female player inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.

“When you’re younger you are playing because you love the game and you don’t even know the difference between you and the boy next to you and then all of a sudden people start pointing that out,” Granato said.

“You realize there’s these barriers you have to break through, whether it’s someone on the other team bullying you because you’re the only girl, or fighting for ice time when you’re in college.”

Ciccarelli badly broke his leg his second year of junior hockey and was told he would never play again. But he went



In this Feb. 17, 1998, file photo, United States Olympic women’s hockey player Cammi Granato displays her gold medal during the medal presentations following the team’s win over Team Canada in the gold medal game at the Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Granato was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame on Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

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on to a high-scoring career with Minnesota, Washington, Detroit, Tampa Bay and Florida.

“You get so emotional thinking about this,” Ciccarelli said. “I just lost my mom a few months ago and my dad a few years ago.

“It would have been nice to enjoy it with my parents, but I’ve got my kids, my family and a lot of friends. We’re going to enjoy this and celebrate it.”

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Host S. Africa, France eliminated; Argentina advances

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JOHANNESBURG (AP)

— France's disastrous World Cup campaign ended in a loss Tuesday, a result that also dragged South Africa out of the tournament and left Uruguay and Mexico with places in the round of 16.

Argentina advanced as expected from Group B later in the day, but it took them most of the game to break through a staunch Greece defense and win 2-0 in Polokwane. South Korea also made the round the 16 by holding Nigeria to a 2-2 draw in Durban.

South Africa beat France 2-1 in Bloemfontein, but the first-half goals from Bongani Khumalo and Katlego Mphela weren't enough to stop the team from becoming the first host to be eliminated from the first round.

In Rustenburg, two-time champion Uruguay defeated Mexico 1-0 and won Group A. Mexico and South Africa each had four points, but the Mexicans advanced on goal difference.

South Africans will be disappointed with the result, but the French will be furious. The 1998 World Cup champion is in disarray.

France was held to a 0-0 draw by Uruguay in its opening match, and then lost to Mexico 2-0. The chaos started shortly thereafter, when striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home for refusing to apologize to the coach after insulting him.

Then the players decided to skip a day of practice to protest that decision, further disrupting an already faltering World Cup campaign.

Tuesday's match just added to the negative image most have of France coach Raymond Domenech, who benched captain Patrice Evra for his final match in charge.

"The whole of France needs



ABOVE: Nigeria's Danny Shittu, foreground center, sits on the pitch as South Korea players celebrate following the World Cup group B soccer match between Nigeria and South Korea at the stadium in Durban, South Africa, Tuesday, June 22, 2010. The game ended in a 2-2 draw and Nigeria is out of the competition. **BELOW:** France's Thierry Henry, right, shakes hands with South Africa's Steven Pienaar, left, following the World Cup group A soccer match between France and South Africa at Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein, South Africa, Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

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to have an explanation for this disaster," Evra said. "It's not the time to give them, but I will personally give them ... what I went through, just the truth, as quickly as possible." Khumalo gave South Africa the lead when he beat Abou Diaby in the 20th minute and scored from Siphile Tshabalala's cross. Mphela added a second in the 37th, scoring from Tsepo Masilela's cross.

"The early goal helped a lot," Khumalo said. "I really thought we could pull through."

Both goals came after France

was reduced to 10 men in the 25th when Yoann Gourcuff was sent off for elbowing Macbeth Sibaya.

Florent Malouda scored France's only goal of the tournament in the 70th. That goal gave them one more than in 2002, when the then defending champion French were also eliminated in the first round.

Luis Suarez scored Uruguay's goal against Mexico in the 43rd, heading in a cross from Edinson Cavani.

"The important thing is that we qualified in first place,"

Uruguay striker Diego Forlan said. "They controlled the ball well and in truth it was quite hard for us."

Uruguay didn't concede a goal in the first round.

Martin Demichelis finally gave Argentina the lead in the 77th minute when he headed the ball off teammate Diego Milito and then shot past Greece goalkeeper Alexandros Tzorvas.

Martin Palermo added the second goal in the 89th, knocking in a rebound after Tzorvas saved a shot from Lionel Messi, who served as

Argentina's youngest ever captain at 22 years old. Regular captain Javier Mascherano was rested by coach Diego Maradona, along with several other starters from the first two games.

"Now the road gets more difficult, and the hierarchy of each team comes into play," Maradona said. "You always talk about Germany, Italy, Brazil, that they're playing bad, but they're always in the semifinals, in the final, in the second round, in the quarters."

Lee Jung-soo and Park Chu-young scored the goals for South Korea, which advanced past the first round away from home for the first time.

Lee equalized in the 38th and Park scored in the 49th. Kalu Uche had given the Nigerians the lead in the 12th and Ayegbeni Yakubu leveled in the 69th.

"Our goal was to reach the last 16. We succeeded in doing this for the first time away from home," South Korea captain Park Ji-sung said. "So I'm very happy we accomplished this in South Africa. All of the players know how important this is."

Nigeria, which could have become the first African team to advance at the first World Cup in Africa, missed several easy chances throughout the match.

Also, charges against two Dutch women who had faced prosecution for allegedly taking part in an ambush marketing campaign at a World Cup match were dropped.

South Africa's home affairs minister said that the total of foreign visitors this month had passed 682,000 — up from more than 456,000 as of June 13.

"This is quite a sizable increase from last year's figures," Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma said. "We are happy with the way things are going." □

“Celebrity Baseball” event to come to Aruba

Aruba Marriot Resort welcomes Calvin Maduro

Former Pro Baseball Player Calvin Maduro Scouts Aruba

ORANJESTAD – This past week, the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino welcomed current Professional Baseball Scout Calvin Maduro who formerly played professionally for the Baltimore Orioles. Prime Minister Mike Eman received Maduro last week in his office for a handshake agreement. Aruban born pitcher, Maduro, introduced Prime Minister Mike Eman the project of a Celebrity Baseball event right here on Aruba in the fall. The event will include not only celebrity baseball players participating in an exhibition event right here on Aruba, this will be an excellent opportunity for local baseball and peewee coaches to participate in a coaching and umpiring seminars.

Maduro’s greatest inspiration is to give back to Aruba, and now that he is in a position as a Professional International Talent Scout, it is always



a possibility to find talent on Aruba to make it to the Professional Baseball leagues. Maduro, father of two, knows what it takes to be a professional athlete and wants to share his opportunities with the unknown talent of Aruba. The Celebrity Event will be 3 days long inclusive of an exhibition event between the profession teams in Venezuela vs. Dominican Republic in the first week of October prior to the season opening in mid October.

The intention is for the youth of Aruba to gain inspiration to become the best that they can be, and two-fold for the coaches to receive professional training to pass on to the youth of Aruba.

“Imagine if we can help 100 coaches who have teams of 15 children, that is 1,500 children with a chance to become all they can be,” says Maduro.

~ Photo with the Marriott Staff by Julia Renfro ~

CEO Jose Sergio Gabrielli says:

Petrobras No Plans To Expand International Refining

Brazilian state-run energy giant Petroleo Brasileiro SA (PBR), or Petrobras, has no plans to expand international refining, CEO Jose Sergio Gabrielli said Monday.

The executive appeared to throw cold water on continued rumors that Petrobras was a possible buyer for Valero Energy Corp.’s (VLO) troubled refinery in Aruba. Petrobras will focus its international investments on exploration in the Atlantic Ocean basin, especially in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and West Africa, Gabrielli said during a press conference to discuss

the company’s 2010-2014 investment plan.

Earlier Monday, Petrobras said it would invest \$224 billion as part of its latest five-year strategic plan. With increased expenditures planned for development of deepwater fields off the coast of Brazil, international investments were pegged at \$11.5 billion in 2010-2014, Petrobras said. And given Petrobras’s massive investments planned for its domestic refining capacity, that leaves little room to snap up refineries outside the country, Gabrielli indicated.

“We don’t have any plans to expand international refining,” Gabrielli said.

In 2008, Petrobras negotiated to buy Valero’s 255,000-barrel-a-day refinery on the Caribbean island of Aruba. The refinery has been shuttered because of tax issues and slack demand related to the global economic slowdown. Valero’s Aruba refinery doesn’t produce gasoline, and produces only a small amount of finished diesel fuel. The bulk of the plant’s products are feedstocks that require further processing. □



In a Social Meeting

Cabinet Eman talks about the future funds of SVB, AZV and APFA



PALM BEACH - Last Monday, during the first session of one week of Social Meetings at the Radisson Resort, Prime Minister Mike Eman accompanied by Minister of Finance Ing. Mike de Meza; Minister of Integration, Infrastructure and Environment Benny Sevinger met with the General Manager of the Radisson Resort

Rob Smith, to talk about the future funds of SVB, AZV and APFA.

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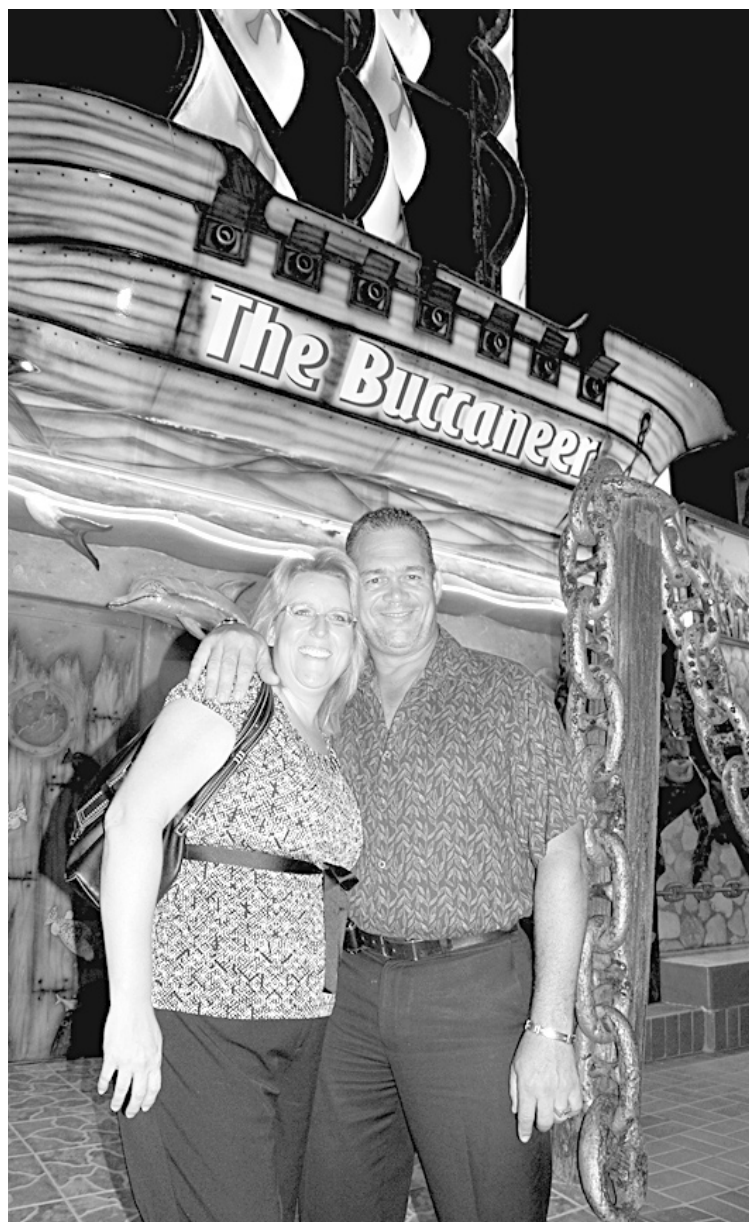
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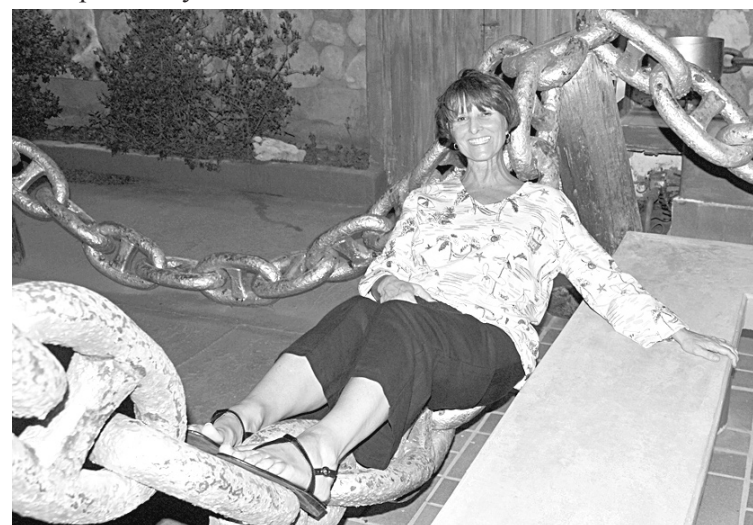
A farewell dinner

Buccaneer Restaurant hosts top ten USA Agents



NOORD- Last week Aruba was scouted by ten top selling agents to experience the island and its many offerings first hand. These agents were hand-picked by District Sales

Manager, Kim Riddle, who represents the Aruba Tourism Authority of Houston, Texas. These agents have never been to Aruba and were without a doubt in love with all that



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Their five days on island included visits to various hotels which they are currently selling and some they will now increase business to; their days were full of activities that included an island tour, sunset sail, a visit to the visitor's center at Arikok National Park and the Aloe Factory.

The group was graciously hosted by Renaissance Aruba Resort. They enjoyed several features the resort offered including the spa facilities, the private island and of course the casino. What would be a trip to Aruba without sampling its local cuisine? They were all treated to pastechis, keshi yena, pan bati, and a variety of other local dishes around the island before finishing off their trip at the legendary Buccaneer Restaurant.

The manager, Vasty Munzenhofer greeted these agents and seated them along the 9, 500 gallon aquarium where they were amazed to see the Caribbean fauna under the sea. They enjoyed a 3 course dinner and enjoyed the Seafood and International cuisine and ambiance that has served the public sector for more than 30 years.

One agent was told in advance that they had to go to the Buccaneer Restaurant while on the island as it was simply not to be missed. He was excited to get back to tell them that he in fact dined at Buccaneer and will be recommending it to all his clients.

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SANTA ROSA – Recently, the employees of Multi Media International visited the Santa Rosa farm with Mrs. Portier giving them a tour of the facilities. They saw the variety of fruits and vegetables growing there and how they are flourishing. The crew of Multi Media are in the

opinion that with sufficient local production, Aruba can grow many of it own produce instead of importing.

Multi Media International took the opportunity to thank from the bottoms of their hearts, Mrs. Portier of Santa Rosa for participating in sharing what all they have to offer at their

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Minister Michelle Winklaar goes to Washington D.C.

Minister Plenipotentiary met with Arubans residing in the U.S.A.



ORANJESTAD - Recently, during a dinner at her residence, the Minister Plenipotentiary of Aruba in the United States in relation with the recent visit to the U.S. of the Minister of Economic Affairs, Social and Cultural Affairs, Minister Michelle Winklaar. Especially for this event the minister invited Arubans resided in Washington and surroundings.

During this encounter they exchanged ideas about the future of Aruba, the plans of the government and also how they, as experts on the field, can contribute to the involvement of the island.

Pictured: from l. to r.: drs. Detlef Hooyboer, husband of the Minister of Economic Affairs; drs. Joyceline Heronimo-Croes, Minister Plenipotentiary of Aruba in the U.S.; Jozef Henriquez, Director Syndication Unit, Inter American Development Bank (IDB); Dr. Edward Cheung from NASA; Minister Michelle Winklaar and Former Professional Baseball Player Calvin Maduro. □

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Turn Contradiction Into Paradox

From the three dimensional point of view, Human Beings appear to be a seething mass of contradiction. Looking from the Heart however, contradiction transforms into paradox, which is a roadmap to enlightenment. The word contradiction invokes separation, conflict, opposition. The word paradox on the other hand, invokes the idea of Unity. A paradox is the point at which Separation becomes Unity.

A paradox is when opposing

forces seem to contradict, but actually support each other when approached from a different angle.

Let's use the example of an infinite Spirit playing in three dimensions through a physical Human body. We think the physical is all there because that's all we're aware of. We can't get beyond because the physical is completely overpowering, and we don't even know that there is a beyond. We've been born and raised in Solitary

Confinement and we have absolutely zero concept of the outside world.

So what do we do? We get beyond the prison by diving into the physical experience as completely as possible, while not caring about the results of our effort. From three dimensions, this statement is full of contradiction and conflict. Get beyond the prison by enveloping ourselves in it? Pursue something with passion then don't care about the result? What if we fail? What if we give it our all, then just wind up losers in the end?

From the Heart's point of view, it makes perfect sense. We're here for the physical experience, so when we immerse ourselves in it, we fulfill our Purpose. The physical is the entire point. Don't try to escape the very reason you're in a body on Earth. Don't run and hide from your Purpose. Face it, Embrace it and Embody it.

Live life with all your passion because that's why you're here. The challenge then becomes to not care

about the outcome. When you know there is more beyond your awareness, the result of your action becomes meaningless. The intensity of your pursuit defines you. The outcome of your pursuit defines you. Focusing on the result misses the entire point of the journey.

We can see how a contradiction in the mind becomes a paradox in the Heart. When you are faced with conflict, examine the opposing forces, then look at them from your Heart. The forces will blend into mutual support. Cooperation instead of competition.

The answer you get will guide you to put your energy into areas of your self that need your attention. If you express the wisdom to listen and the courage to act, you will find balance and harmony in your life.

By consciously turning your Contradiction into Paradox, you move your awareness from your head to your Heart, from the third dimension of ego to the fourth dimension of love.

Until Tomorrow...


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~**Quentin Danziger**

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Red Sail Sports takes agents sailing

Venezuelan Travel agents visited Aruba



ORANJESTAD - Recently Aruba Tourism Authority invited a selected group of travel agents from Caracas, Venezuela, with the intention to do an inspection in all the hotels they represent in Venezuela and to personally meet the management of each hotel.



Mr. Ricardo Croes from ATA was in charge of this group and also coordinated a very interesting program for their stay in Aruba.

This group was guest of the

Brickel Bay Resort which got a very positive response from the agents.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. Irene Perez from Red Sail Sports who invited the group

on a snorkeling trip on father's day.

Pictured Ricardo Croes together with the travel agents during their visit at the Red Sail Sports. □

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The Ripley family enjoys Aruba



PALM BEACH- Craig and Rita Ripley are staying at the Riu for a week with their 19 year old son and his friend. They are from Ohio and work at a tire company in Indiana. The boys are currently on summer break and returning to school in the fall.

They are enjoying the beaches of Aruba and they went snorkeling with long-time Aruba visitor Kent Gerber who has been to Aruba 20 times. They saw 3 turtles and plenty of fish and coral and really like Aruba and hope to return again to Paradise!!☐



At Manchebo Resort

Maureen & Howard tie the knot



newlyweds and threw special stone into the sunset evening on Eagle Beach. The evening continued with a photo shoot with Bella Aruba Photography and continued with a gorgeous reception at Matthew's Beachside



EAGLE- Recently, Maureen Dunn and Howard Glancey III tied the knot in Aruba with toes in the sand along the Caribbean ocean.

The lovebirds met at a family restaurant through mutual friends who thought that they were perfect for one another. They were right... A love match made in heaven.

Howie knew the time had come

to spend the rest of his life with the one person who fulfilled life. Howard picked the perfect day to propose, Maureen's birthday. "He was unusually quite that day", stated Maureen and added "I knew something was wrong, when we arrived at our favorite restaurant 'The Melting Pot' he immediately proposed. He looked at me and said "I love you more than anything, You are my girl. I

couldn't think of anyone else that I would want to spend the rest of my life with, Will you marry me?" Maureen was in complete shock and shouted "yes." Maureen and her family have been returning to Aruba for twenty years when she was only three years old. Their home away from home is Casa Del Mar Resort where every memory Maureen has of Aruba involves



her family, friendships, and the Aruban people. Maureen knew that as soon as Howie proposed that Aruba was to be that special place where they would become one. This way they can make their own family memories for many years to come.

The wedding took place at Manchebo Beach Resort along with 23 of their closest friends and family to witness the union of marriage. The ceremony was delivered by Officiate Ruben Trappenburg who pronounced them husband and wife. Immediately following the guests came along the ocean's edge and lined up to make a wish for the

Restaurant. The starlit evening was lively with Lloyd's vocal chords keeping the music moving for everyone to dance under the Aruba skies.

"We want to thank Lissy Lampe of Ceremonies and Celebrations in Aruba for creating such a beautiful wedding as we had envisioned it would be, stated the newlyweds and added "We also thank all our loving friends and family who came to celebrate our wedding and the beginning of our new life. and a special thanks to Mom and Dad for making our dream wedding come true. We love you all!!!

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Celebrate tonight with Live Music & Entertainment at Casa Tua Barcelona



ORANJESTAD - Casa Tua Barcelona's Flamenco Show is the spot to be tonight with Angela Croes TONIGHT and then again on Friday.

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Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their dreamy Tiramisu. If you're into something different we suggest tasting the Espresso Martini Cocktail as dessert, you won't be disappointed.

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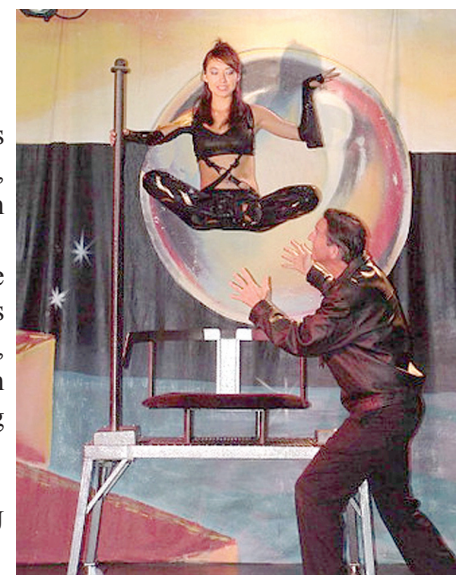
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Eggs and Butter

By: Dr Carlos Viana

A favorite dish of mine in a Japanese restaurant is a raw quail egg yolk on sea urchin eggs. A variable "cholesterol bomb", one of my colleagues called. Notice that the Japanese sushi chef throws away the white of the egg. A good thing, since raw egg whites should never be consumed. Egg whites contain substances that remove vitamins from your body and could possibly inhibit digestion of protein, and affect growth. Cooking the egg for just a few minutes destroys these and other harmful compounds.

The reason a myth has survived for years about the dangers of eating egg yolks is because one egg yolk contains about 213 milligrams of cholesterol. This is about the same amount as my other favorite food, olive oil that is also loaded with cholesterol. However, any clinical nutritionist will tell you that the different types of cholesterol are not the same. Olive oil, like egg yolks, both have a high content of monounsaturated fatty acids and antioxidative substances. In lay terms, both of these great foods are rich in HDL, the "good" cholesterol.

If you enjoy the convenience of taking a multivitamin to be sure you're getting enough nutrients, you should consider including soft boiled or poached eggs in your diet. They come close to having everything a natural multivitamin provides. Eggs are low in sodium and are a good source of protein, riboflavin, Vitamin B12, Pantothenic acid, phosphorus, and selenium.

Additionally, there are amino acids, the building blocks for muscle and a great source of lecithin.

In fact, the word "lecithin," comes from the Greek word "lekithos" meaning "egg yolk". Other foods that contain lecithin include: butter, peanuts, cauliflower, tomatoes, banana, oranges, lentils, oats, barley, corn, sesame seeds, flax seeds, whole wheat and human breast milk.

Notice I said, butter, not margarine. Actually, if you are worried about cholesterol, according to a Harvard Medical study, margarine may increase heart disease in women by 53% over eating the same amount of butter. Margarine contains up to 45 percent of artificially created unhealthy trans-fats.

No more fattening than margarine, butter has been in the diet for thousands of years so our bodies are used to digesting it. Besides lecithin, butter is a rich source of easily absorbed vitamin A, E, K, D and selenium, a powerful antioxidant. We use salt free to eliminate the harmful processed salt which is used as a preservative to help the butter last longer on the shelf. If you like the taste of salt, try adding your own natural sea salt, which still has some of the minerals left and is not chemically processed.

Even better is Clarified Butter or "Ghee" a form of butter found in the Indian section of your supermarket. Ghee can be made easily at home and is butter which has the milk solids or fat removed. It has a high smoke point and is a safer, healthier choice for cooking than other

fats or oils.

With people afraid to eat egg yolks, the richest source of choline found in modern diets comes from an additive called lecithin. Lecithin is most often added to foods as an emulsifier which helps keeps food blended. As a dietary supplement, I consider lecithin to be essential for everyone. In our clinic I see patient's daily suffering from fatigue, insomnia, kidney and bladder problems, high cholesterol levels, nerve-muscle problems, including cardiovascular disease, infertility, liver and gallbladder problems, anemia, and high blood pressure. Lecithin in your body keeps your cells functioning properly, allows your nerves to communicate with your muscles; and prevent the build-up of homocysteine in your blood. Homocysteine is a harmful compound that is associated with cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis. Since lecithin has fat-modifying effects, lecithin helps prevent fatty build-up in the liver.

An important part of lecithin is choline. Since the 1930s, research has shown that choline is a component of every human cell. Lecithin can help control cholesterol levels. Because of its role in nerve-muscle function, lecithin has been used to help improve neuromuscular function in Alzheimer's disease and plays a critical role in memory functions and learning difficulties.

L e c i t h i n supplementation is very important to babies, even while still in the womb. Dietary deficiency of lecithin can

provoke respiratory distress in newborns, and failure to thrive. In very young babies a continuing deficiency can produce impaired growth, and abnormalities in bone formation. Medical data on lecithin suggests that simply supplementing the diets of pregnant and nursing women with lecithin could affect their children's lifelong learning and memory. In adults, lecithin can boost cognitive function, diminish age-related memory decline, and reduce the brain's vulnerability to toxic substances.

Eggs are nutritious. They're nutrient dense which means that eggs provide a good proportion of needed nutrients for the calories they provide. Eating nutrient-dense foods is particularly important for children as well as older adults because their energy needs are less but their nutrient needs are high. Nutrient density is also important for anyone of any age who is trying to lose weight. One of the reasons for eating eggs is lecithin and supplementing your diet with a quality lecithin supplement give us a healthy boost. By the way, I recommend most of my patients take individual, natural supplements, like Vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and always Lecithin. However, if you prefer taking a multivitamin, make sure you are using a natural one. There is a difference between quality food based nutrients and cheaper, synthetic or artificial vitamins, which may also include fillers, dyes and preservatives.

Get The Point! Eggs and butter do not increase heart disease risk in most people. A Harvard



School of Public Health study found that healthy adults were able to eat an egg a day without increasing their risk of heart disease or stroke. Want help with a cholesterol problem or a healthier gall bladder, liver, brain or to improve the learning ability of your child? Come in so we can tailor a health program to your specific needs.

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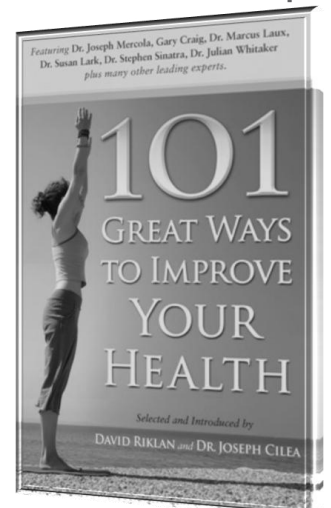
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Researchers looked at 65 children, aged 2 to 5, who received treatment for cavities in baby teeth and found that nearly 28 percent of those kids had a body-mass index that indicated they were overweight or obese.

That rate is 5 percent higher than the estimated national average for childhood overweight or obesity, the study authors explained in a news release from the University at Buffalo, in New York.

The researchers also found that about 71 percent of the children had a daily caloric intake higher than the normal 1,200 calories for their age group. The preliminary findings were to be presented Tuesday at the Endocrine Society's annual meeting in San Diego. "We hypothesized that poor nutritional choices may link obesity and dental decay in young children, but there is very little published data associating these two health issues," first study author Dr. Kathleen Bethin, an associate professor of pediatrics at the University at Buffalo and director of the pediatric endocrinology and diabetes fellowship program

at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, said in the news release. "The main point of our findings is that poor nutrition may link obesity to tooth decay. Thus the dental office... may be an ideal place to educate families about nutrition and the risks of obesity and dental decay," Bethin stated.

She added that there was "no difference in total calories consumed by the overweight and healthy weight kids, so the problem isn't overeating, per se, just making the wrong food choices."

An estimated 5 percent to 10 percent of youngsters in the United States have early childhood cavities and childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past three decades, affecting nearly one in five kids by 2008, according to Healthy People 2010. □

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Abbott's Architect HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Traditional HIV diagnostics have detected HIV antibodies, which are developed days after an infection as a sign that the body is working to fight the invading virus. The Architect assay also detects the HIV p24 antigen, which is a protein produced by the virus immediately after infection, Abbott said in a news release. The risk of HIV transmission is highest just after infection with the AIDS-causing virus, the company said. Since the new test could detect HIV infection days earlier than antibody-only diagnostics, people could be alerted before unknowingly spreading the infection and be treated earlier, Abbott said. Some 56,000 new cases of HIV infection are diagnosed each year in the United States, the Illinois-based company said, citing the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. □

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Senators Move To End Secret Holds

Lucia Graves

The opponents of a rule that allows lawmakers to anonymously delay Senate confirmation proceedings have garnered enough support to overturn the rule. In a Rules Committee hearing this Wednesday, Senator Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) will testify against the so-called secret holds rule alongside Senators Chuck Grassley and Ron Wyden, who have been trying to pass legislation banning the rule since the late 1990s.

On Saturday McCaskill announced that her letter to Majority Leader Harry Reid requesting a vote to end the secret holds rule had 67 signatures. The last two signatories were Republican Sens. Kit Bond (R-Mo.) and Sam Brownback (R-Kansas).

“First battle won! With Sens Bond and Brownback now have 67 Senators on my letter calling for the end to secret holds. Now gotta get a vote,” McCaskill wrote on Twitter.

Grassley and Wyden, who tried unsuccessfully to squeeze the ban into financial regulatory legislation in May, hope this newest effort will put a stop to a rule lawmakers long abused, senior Sen. Richard Shelby’s (R-Ala.) hold earlier this year on 70 of President Obama’s nominees being a prime example.

“If it’s brought up for an up-or-down vote in the U.S. Senate, it’s going to pass with really overwhelming support,” said Wyden spokeswoman Jennifer Hoelzer. “This isn’t a political issue, this isn’t a Democratic or Republican issue, this is a good government and transparency issue. This is just about good government and being transparent, which I think is what the American people want.”

A vote this year will be critical for the measure’s success. Senators Bond and Brownback, along with Senator Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, another Republican who supports the measure, and a number of Democratic lawmakers will not return for the next Congress.

“Senator McCaskill is hopeful that we’ll get a vote before the end of the year,” spokeswoman Laura Myron said. “She wants to get this done sooner rather than later and there are numerous nominees and pieces of legislation being held up by secret holds and that’s just something that she’d really like to see changed. The first step is a hearing in front of the Rules Committee and that is happening on Wednesday.” □

How Japan can save face -- and whales

By Brenda Peterson

Seattle, Wash. – The antiquated and brutal whaling industry is dying, yet the world is on the brink of a return to commercial whaling. This backward step, however, can be prevented by Japan, the very country which seems to have precipitated this regression.

In a deal to be brokered this week at the International Whaling Commission meeting in Morocco, the United States is backing Japan, Norway, and Iceland in their annual bid to lift the 25-year moratorium on whale hunting.

Those three nations have previously refused to follow the ban. The new deal, which would legalize Japan’s controversial “scientific whaling” is an effort to coax them into cooperating by enforcing quotas.

Readers weigh in: Is Japan right? Should the IWC ban on commercial whale hunting be lifted?

Before the implementation of the ban, 38,000 whales were slaughtered a year; after implementation of the ban, the number killed dropped to 2,000. Yet the world has only barely begun to recover some species that were brutally destroyed during centuries of whaling.

We are only beginning to understand how marine life sustains the planet. Whales are an intricate and essential part of our marine planet. Allowing a return, even in part, to commercial whaling would devastate oceans already under siege by climate change, plastics pollution, catastrophic oil spills, and rising carbon levels.

Twentieth-century whale research has revealed some startling facts: humpbacks sing lullabies to their young, blue whales communicate over thousands of miles, gray whales can live over one hundred years.

Just this month, there is new evidence that sperm whales offset the sea’s increasing carbon levels by simply defecating. ABC News reports that “whales can remove about 400,000 tons of carbon from the atmosphere each year ... making the sperm whale a carbon-neutral mammal.” What else might we discover in the 21st century about how whales contribute to keeping our seas healthy?

If we return to commercial whaling, we may lose the knowledge that maintaining the moratorium has given us. Why is Japan looking backward when we desperately need new ocean conservation?

Japan is utilizing a loophole in the 1986 International Whaling Commission ban against commercial whaling, to kill hundreds of whales every year for scientific research. Once a whale is killed, scientists collect data from the animal’s remains then the meat is sold. Japan maintains that the research is essential for managing the whale population.

Japan has also cited its long history as a whaling nation and its historic reliance on whale meat for protein as reasons why it should be continued to allow to hunt despite the ban. But consumption has become so negligible that, in 2007, local governments had to encourage schools to incorporate whale in their lunch programs, while thousands of tons of whale meat remain stockpiled in freezers, according to Time Magazine.

Other experts speculate that Japan’s refusal to comply with a ban has to do with the fact that its government just doesn’t like to be told what to do. But Japan has a chance this week to not only save face on this issue, but take its place as a world leader in ocean conservation.

The citizens of Japan are ready for it. When I was fortunate enough to visit Japan in the late 1990s at the invitation of Japanese publishers, I was impressed with a burgeoning environmental movement, which had made Henry David Thoreau’s “Walden” a national bestseller. I discovered that the Japanese I spoke with seem more enlightened environmentally than their government.

Two of my Japanese friends, Yoshiko and Masumi, recently joined our research trip to birthing lagoons in Baja, Mexico. When the gray whale calves curiously came to the boat to be touched, Yoshiko began singing a traditional Japanese lullaby, “Sakura, sakura, yayoi no sora wa (Cherry blossoms, cherry blossoms, as far as I can see.)” The barnacles on the whale’s skin looked just like the luminous blooming flowers in Yoshiko’s native country.

That same spring during the Japanese cherry blossom festival, a single gray whale swam into Tokyo Bay. It seemed all of Tokyo came out to greet the rare, solitary whale. There had only been 12 gray whale sightings around Japan since the 1960s; the Western Pacific population is all but extinct.

“TV footage showed holidaymakers on nearby wharves cheering wildly as the whale came into sight and blew water high into the air,” reported the Mail & Guardian. When I sent Yoshiko this news, she wrote back, “They do not tell us much about Japanese whaling in our newspapers. We are speaking for the whales here in our country. And many Japanese are listening – especially the young people.”

So what can Japan do? The world’s oceans and marine life need far-sighted conservation, alternative energies, and ecosystem health.

And Japan is, after all, a country that has given the world green cars and technological marvels. Its inventions in health and communications lead the world.

If Japan wants to show pride and save face, why not build upon the enlightened 2000 decision by Mitsubishi to preserve pristine gray whale birthing lagoons in Mexican biospheres by not building a salt factory in those whale nurseries?

What if Japan, an island nation, vowed to lead the world in ocean conservation, practicing far-sighted self-restraint and ending this old-fashioned and wasteful whaling?

Whales are already proven to be worth more alive than dead, bringing millions in whale watching and tourism to coastal communities. Whalers could be trained instead to study whales and our marine systems in nonlethal, truly scientific ways. Japan has already brought its technology and green genius to hybrid automobiles. Why not employ that same ecological vision to saving our oceans?

Japan has the support within its country to end whale hunting. If it stepped up and accepted the challenge, Japan could lead a 21st century legacy of celebrating our ocean’s home and our fellow, sentient mammals. That would be a golden age. □

Unos 40 muertos, 600 desaparecidos inundaciones Brasil

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) - Torrentes provocados por fuertes lluvias devastaron pueblos y villas en el noreste de Brasil, acabando con la vida de al menos 42 personas y dejando a más de 600 desaparecidos, informaron el martes funcionarios de entidades de emergencia locales.

Las fuertes lluvias que han asolado durante días a los estados de Alagoas y Pernambuco inundaron poblados, reventaron una represa y dejaron damnificadas a más de 40.000 personas, dijeron funcionarios estatales.

Al menos 29 personas han muerto en el estado de Alagoas, donde también hay 607 desaparecidos. Cerca de 500 de los desaparecidos estaban en el área de Uniao de Palmeiras, que fue golpeada por un muro de agua después de que una represa cedió ante el peso de las aguas.

“Desafortunadamente, algunos poblados han sido destruidos casi en un ciento por ciento, básicamente borradas del mapa”, declaró a Reuters Sandro Cavalcante,

portavoz de la agencia de la Defensa Civil del estado de Alagoas.

En el estado de Pernambuco, al norte de Alagoas, se informó del deceso de 13 personas y 17.719 damnificados, dijo la agencia de la Defensa Civil. En Alagoas había casi 26.000 damnificados.

Imágenes del canal de televisión Globo mostraron a poblados enteros arrasados por las aguas. Automóviles volcados yacían entre los escombros de cientos de casas destruidas y líneas de ferrocarril figuraban destrozadas por la fuerza del agua.

“Hay pueblos en los que parece que hubiera caído una bomba atómica”, dijo el gobernador de Alagoas, Teotonio Vilela Filho, según publicó el periódico O Globo.

Un helicóptero vuela sobre una inundada área en Jacuipe, en el estado de Alagoas. Jun 22 2010. REUTERS/Ag Alagoas/Thiago Sampaio/Handout



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